

WASHINGTON.

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BUTLER'S PRINCIPAL OPPONENTS in the recent fight, Messrs. Hoar, Pierce, and Williams, appeared to be very blue, and were in no humor for pleasantries or for getting up a new plan. Butler was, however, in a position for anything. Unknown to him, somebody had pinned a piece of thick twine to his coat-tails, and in this way he walked about among the several Executive desks this morning, to introduce the young soldier to the Cabinet Ministers and the heads of the principal bureaus. Afterwards, they went to the Capitol, and had a perfect lesson on the floor of the House.

RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION, which he took to each of his colleagues for signature, but only one of them, Mr. Williams, signed it. The others, including Mr. Williams, refused to sign. At that moment Mr. E. Rockwood Hoar, the ex-Attorney-General read the communication, and impulsively laid it upon the desk where Butler had laid it. Then, without a word of explanation, Butler took the pen and walked over to the other side of the hall, where he laid it before Williams. The latter stopped his writing, and set Butler's paper. The ex-Attorney-General of the Whole on the President's message, for the purpose of general debate. After much time had been taken up by dilatory motions and calls of the yeas and nays, Mr. Hoar laid it upon the desk, and Mr. Rockwood Hoar might be put, and immediately the yeas and nays were recorded on the latter. Then followed a motion to adjourn, but before that was disposed of, Mr. BROWN, of Ohio, moved a point of order, that the resolution of the Whole in the Chair, was not in session.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. GEORGIA ELECTION CASE.

Mr. HYDE, from the Committee on Elections, moved that the bill, which was introduced in the House, by Mr. BROWN, be referred to a committee to seat, and that Sloman, his opponent, be seated. A minority report, taking an adverse position, was made by Mr. SPEER. The reports are to be called up before the adjournment.

PRIVATE BILL.

Committees were called upon for reports of a private character.

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The Patent Bill having been disposed of, a struggle took place about the order of business, Mr. HAILEY (III.) moving to go into Committee of the Whole in the private calendar, and A. H. ROBINSON, of New York, to go into Committee of the Whole on the President's message, for the purpose of general debate.

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THE UNION BILL.

The motion to adjourn was rejected, and then all opposition having been overcome or withdrawn, the House at half-past 3 went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. BROWN in the Chair, and Mr. BROWN, of Ohio, in the Chair.

Mr. BROWN made a speech arraigning the Republican party.

Mr. MILLIKEN followed with a speech against the Education Bill.

Mr. MILLIKEN, who had been asked to have their speeches printed without being delivered, and at 5 o'clock the House adjourned.

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GOVERNMENT GRANDES VS. A. H. ROBINSON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—In the House-to-day, the case of McClelland Young, of Maryland, came up for discussion, and again brought the Grangers to the front. It seems that Young presented a device to harriers, and received his papers fourteen years ago last June. The patent expired on the 27th of that month, and was renewed by the Commissioner of Patents after the usual hearing. The renewal was, however, dated the 28th instead of the 27th, and Young has experienced some trouble because the law hereon construes that the patent had been issued to him, and for that reason, of times when it could not be renewed; hence his appeal to Congress for relief. The laws, however, held by Mr. Wilson, with some of the Illinois members, are inimical to the interest of the farmers. The debate was quite spirited, but after spending some time with the bill it was passed. The objections to the bill do not seem to have been well grounded.

RETRENCHMENT.

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WHAT THE DEPARTMENT CLEARS UP.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—Since Congress has been displaying such impudent and seal the master of retrenchment, it is to be expected in the way of cutting down the obvious force in the departments, the clerks in those departments have opened up their batteries of criticism. In reply, the clerks are fairly shooting. They point to the fact that the clerks and employees of Congress are much better paid than those of the departments, while in a majority of instances they do less work. Many committee clerks are legitimately employed, but three or four hours a week, while they are paid out on the average for 40 hours a day. On the Senate side they receive \$7.50 per day. Other employees are kept on the rolls all the year round at salaries ranging from \$600 to \$1,500 or \$2,000 a year, and do work of 40 hours a day. The clerks in those departments have certainly developed some facts which ought to receive the consideration of the Appropriation Committee.

NOTES AND NEWS.

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THE HOWARD CASE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—The Howard Court of Inquiry will convene in this city, it is announced, next Tuesday.

THE AGRICULTURAL REPORTS.

Prior to the recent action of the House refusing to pass the bill for the free transmission of public documents through the mails, some 255,000 copies of the Agricultural Reports had been ordered printed. It is now stated that a resolution regarding the same will be introduced in the House on Monday. The resolution of Congressmen is to enable them to send their postage paid and there is some proof that the people are not in favor of it. The House has taken a stand on them, and for these reasons it is probable that the resolution will be agreed to. No better illustration than this could be had of the utter foolishness of spending vast sums of money for the publication of public documents of this sort.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Mr. Farwell of Illinois has introduced a petition in the House from Mr. Edward Foy, praying to have the practicability of producing rainfall by the use of artillery tested. The petitioner represents that if the community accepted the resolution that rains can be brought on by canons, the people will be induced to form a committee to the government to exact a deposit from mercantile agents. This decision from a most influential body of merchants is interesting, in view of the action proposed in the Legislatures of Missouri and Illinois.

CERTIFIED DOORKEEPERS.

It is stated that a resolution will be introduced in the House on Monday, providing that the doorkeeper shall employ crippled men to assist him in the execution of all his official duties.

The United States Supreme Court will convene on Monday next at 10 a.m. for several weeks. Chief Justice Waite will preside on the bench. The opinions of the Justices of the Supreme Bench in the sitting-room on Monday, and proceed with them into the Chambers.

FACTORY CONTRACT.

The few 10-cent fractional currency note is now in general circulation, and installments of them have been sent to the several Assistant Treasurers and Government Depositories. The new note, however, is also of a new design, but unlike the 10-cent note, no larger than the note now in circulation, will be ready for use in the course of a few days. The first few notes will be used for the work of printing and engraving was done in Washington. As usual, the faces of the notes were executed at the Engraving and Printing Bureau of the Treasury Department. The backs were engraved and printed by the Columbia Bank-Note Company.

of Washington, instead of at establishments in New York or Philadelphia, as heretofore.

REVOLUTIONARY PENSION.

Mr. SPEER has introduced a bill which he will report upon at an early day from the House Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and of the War of 1812, extending the provisions of the act of 1862, extending the service of 1812 and their widows. The provision by which a pension is refused, unless the applicant served sixty days, is repealed by the bill, and service of 30 days will be sufficient to entitle him to his relief.

It also changes the provisions concerning widows, by admitting such as were married at any time before the year 1812, and contains a section relating to the pension-rolls the names of such survivors of the war of 1812 as were struck from them on account of participation in the rebellion, and also provides that the rolls the widows of such as have died since they were deprived of their pensions.

THE WORKMEN.

These widely-known workmen, Robert Bunting, Edward T. Moore, and James W. Field, of Michigan, have been appointed executive officers for their respective States of the Order of United Workmen of America, E. Redstone, President of the National Labor Council.

[To the Associated Press.]

FRUIT DUTIES.

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